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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY CONCERNING CHEN CHIN-SHENG
(CHIN HIM-SAN)

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHARGES AGAINST, TRIAL, OR STATE OF HEALTH OF MALAYSIAN CITIZEN CHEN CHIN-SHENG. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED MOFA TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON CHEN AND WILL SEND TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY INFORMATION MOFA PROVIDES AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY THAT MOFA WILL PROVIDE MUCH INFORMATION ON CHEN. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO CONGRESSMAN GUDE THAT HE MAKE SIMILAR IN-QUIRIES OF THE ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. RECENT REDUCTION OF CHEN'S SENTENCE MENTIONED BY CONGRESSMAN GUDE IS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF THE 1975 COMMUTATION ACT (SEE 75 TAIPEI 5196 AND PREVIOUS).

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3. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM A SOURCE OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY ON THIS TYPE OF MATTER THAT IN 1971 THREE MALAYSIANS, WHO WERE AT THAT TIME SENIORS IN ROC UNIVERSITIES, WERE ARRESTED HERE FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN MALAYSIA AND WERE SENTENCED TO 12-YEAR PRISON TERMS. AMONG THESE IS CHEN CHIN-SHENG (AKA CHEN KIM-SEN, 7115/2953/3932), A MATHEMATICS MAJOR AT CHENG KUNG UNIVERSITY, HOME ADDRESS 133 SIMEE, IPOH, PERAK. ALTHOUGH NAME APPEARS TO BE THE SAME AS THE CHEN OF CONGRESSMAN GUDE'S INQUIRIES, EMBASSY IS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE INDEED THE SAME PERSON.

4. OTHER TWO STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY IMPRISONED ARE TSAI SHENG-TIEN (AKA CHAI SIN-TIAM, 5591/0524/3240), WHO WAS STUDYING AT CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY, HOME ADDRESS 28 LORANG I, SENAI, JOHORE; AND CHEN SHUI-HSIANG (AKA CHIN SWEE SEONG, 7115/3055/4382), AN ENTOMOLOGY MAJOR AT CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY, HOME ADDRESS 63 JALAN SULTAN, KUALA LUMPUR.

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